

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 6-7, 16-17, 25-26, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as having insufficient antecedent basis for limitations within the claims. Appropriate amendments have been made accordingly.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-20, 31-32, and 34-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent 5,760,636 (hereinafter "Noble").

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims include limitations not disclosed nor suggested by Noble. Therefore, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Noble.

In particular, applicant's independent claims include the limitation, or limitation similar thereto, of a controller to transition a component, in response to the power management event, to a reduced activity state, a core component clock remains active during the reduced activity state, the controller to change a first and second setting of the component from a first performance mode to a second performance mode.

Noble, however, does not discloses nor suggest a controller to transition a component, in response to the power management event, to a reduced activity state, a core component clock remains active during the reduced activity state, the controller to change a first and second setting of the component from a first performance mode to a second performance mode, as claimed by applicant.

Therefore, considering applicant's independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Noble applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Noble.

Furthermore, the remaining claims that were also rejected as being anticipated by Noble, depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations. As a result, the remaining claims are also not anticipated by Noble.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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